

DIARY NOTES

15 April 1957

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1. Jim Garrison advised me that Harrison & Abramovitz had proceeded as far as they could without PBS and CIA approval of their plans as submitted to date. Bob Amory's proposal to relocate his Library in such a way as would cause changes in the basic design of the building has caused them to stop work on the whole building for the moment. I discussed this with Bob before the Deputies' Meeting at which time he again raised the question of putting the Office of Basic Intelligence in the building. I made it clear to him that we would consider this change if the DD/I complex only were disturbed but that I did not believe it was proper to consider moving another unit around in the building at this stage. Later with the Director and others at the Deputies' Meeting it was agreed that we would go ahead and give Harrison & Abramovitz the green light with the understanding that if Bob's suggestions could not be handled as routine changes---some of which we will have to expect in any case---or planned so as to make possible advertising on an alternate bid basis we would have to forego them. Subsequent discussions between Messrs. Amory and [REDACTED] and me led to the following conclusions:

Bob's proposal will be plotted to scale on our plans and presented to Harrison & Abramovitz on Friday if possible. In the meantime the architects will be told to go ahead but to delay detailed planning on the DD/I part of the building as much as possible pending our discussions of the particular problems involving that area. If Harrison & Abramovitz can think of some relatively simple way to make these changes such a move would be best; if not, the alternate bid procedure will be considered. If this is not feasible we will have to return to the original basic design and the DD/I complex will have to conform. (Larry [REDACTED] agreed that this was a satisfactory arrangement.)

Later in the day H. S. telephoned to say that the Public Buildings Service wanted a written statement from us before giving Harrison & Abramovitz the green light. We agreed that we should go along with this and that we should get it to them by Wednesday.

2. At the Deputies' Meeting the Director expressed his unhappiness at the way in which the Agency had handled the [REDACTED] situation over the weekend. Apparently a very long message from [REDACTED] reached him several hours after he had received advanced information through G-2 which quoted CIA as a source. He had to attend several conferences on the subject on Sunday and felt strongly that had he not happened to have been in the office that morning when General Schow telephoned CIA would have missed the

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25X1A9a boat completely and looked very badly indeed. No one in the DD/P area had bothered to
25X1A9a get in touch with either [REDACTED] or Frank Wisner and Mr. Dulles personally called [REDACTED] and asked him to come in.

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25X1A9a 3. [REDACTED] called and promised to let me know definitely tomorrow morning whether or not the 8th of May would be an agreeable date for the Director's address at the annual meeting of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce.

25X1A9a 4. [REDACTED] telephoned to inquire as to whether or not I would be willing to address the International Association of Chiefs of Police in Honolulu in October. I told him that I would but that in all honesty I thought someone else might do a better job.

5. John also said that General Cabell wanted to make sure that we were not producing the Monthly Statistical Report for his purposes alone. (This is in the interest of cutting down on unnecessary paperwork generally.) I told him that I made extensive use of this but would take a look to see if there were any unnecessary work being done on it. In any case, it is not produced solely for General Cabell.

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7. Shef Edwards buzzed to say that the Director had asked Kirk to look into the re-

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25X1A9a cent incident wherein Miss [REDACTED] had taken sleeping pills prior to showing up for a polygraph test last week inasmuch as he was concerned about the use of the polygraph where crime was involved. Shef recognizes that this is a danger area but believes that we are all right in this particular instance.

25X1A9a 8. [REDACTED] telephoned to clear a note she was sending to [REDACTED] which re-
25X1A9a sulted from a complaint made by [REDACTED], formerly of this Agency, through Paul
25X1A9a [REDACTED] had told Paul that in response to inquiries made of his record with CIA the Agency had given good written reports but that when telephonic inquiries were made derogatory information was passed out. Our records indicate that [REDACTED] and I were contacted by Department of Agriculture officials. I remember the call that came to me. The individual said that [REDACTED] was being considered for either the position of Director or Deputy Director of Personnel, a grade GS-15 job. I told him that I, personally, was not very well acquainted with [REDACTED] work but that it was my definite understanding that based on his performance here we would not consider him for jobs at that level. I approved of the memorandum which the Office of Personnel proposed to send to [REDACTED]

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25X1A9a 9. [REDACTED] called to say that he had heard nothing further about translation
25X1A9a work. I got in touch with [REDACTED] and asked him to have someone contact [REDACTED] as he had indicated to me he would do a couple of weeks ago.

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